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SUBJECT: 64TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: NEPAL PARTICIPATION

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11. (SBU) On July 20, Rudra Nepal, Under Secretary for UN and International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), told Emboff that the Government of Nepal had not decided who would attend the 64th UN General Assembly in New York beginning mid-September. He said that the Prime Minister would probably lead the delegation, which would include the Foreign Minister, but beyond that could not provide any other names. The Foreign Minister subsequently confirmed to Charge on July 28 her intention to participate.

12. (SBU) As of July 31, officials in the Division of UN and International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were still unable to confirm who would be part of Nepal's delegation. Based on attendance in previous years, post speculates that the following Nepalese officials may travel to New York, as per reftel request.

1A. Attendance of the Head of State: President Ram Baran Yadav is not expected to attend.

1B. Attendance of the Head of Government:

-- Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal is expected to lead Nepal's delegation.

-- Arrival and departure dates and presence for the General Debate: To be determined.

-- Spouse participation is unknown.

-- The Prime Minister speaks English.

1C. Attendance of the Foreign Minister:

-- Foreign Minister Sujata Koirala plans to be part of the delegation.

-- Arrival and departure dates and presence for the General Debate: To be determined.

-- No spouse will accompany.
-- Koirala speaks English.

1D. Attendance of other VIPs:

-- Gyan Chandra Acharya, Foreign Secretary, is likely to attend.

-- Arrival and departure dates and presence for the General Debate: To be determined.

-- Spouse participation is unknown.

-- Acharya speaks English.

-- Madan Bhattarai, MFA Spokesman, is likely to attend.

-- Arrival and departure dates and presence for the General Debate: To be determined.

-- Spouse participation is unknown.

-- Bhattarai speaks English.

(Embassy comment: On July 30, Foreign Secretary Acharya was nominated to become Nepal's Permanent Representative to the UN in New York. Should Acharya be confirmed and in office

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before the General Assembly, Madan Bhattarai would probably take his place as Foreign Secretary. End comment.)

1E. Attendance of the Foreign Ministry official responsible for IO affairs:

-- Rudra Nepal, Joint Secretary for UN and International Organizations, is unsure whether he will attend, and spouse participation is unknown.

-- Arrival and departure dates and presence for the General Debate: To be determined.

-- Rudra Nepal speaks English.
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